

1040 MeF Working Group Meeting Notes

November 10, 2009

1) **ATS Status**

ATS is going well and there are a number of people testing, including some states. Most of the issues that are encountered are fixed within 48 hours. A little over 50% of the returns coming in to ATS are being accepted. ATS testing issues are posted to irs.gov on the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) updates page. Several Business Rules are still being reviewed and the updates will be posted on the 1040 Schema and Business Rules page on irs.gov.

When ATS first opened, MeF hosted daily calls at 4 PM EST. The calls are no longer daily, but on an as needed basis. When Production starts, MeF will implement daily calls until everyone is comfortable then we will revert back to weekly calls. The call information is posted on the 1040 MeF Status Page on irs.gov.

2) **Homebuyers Tax Credit Improvement Act**

Form 5405 (First Time Homebuyers Credit) does not currently have an impact on MeF and therefore will not be brought onto the MeF Platform during Phase 1 (February 2010). This credit should not affect MeF until January 2012. MeF will provide an update if the impact to MeF changes.

3) **F1099R Distribution Cd Correction**

The Form 1099R schema is accepting one character instead of two. Currently, there is a workaround that will not affect the ability to pass ATS. The assistors have instructions on how to work around this issue.

Status Update: The correction for this went into the December 9 schema posting to irs.gov. This correction will go into production in the ATS environment on January 4, 2009.

4) **Paper Indicator for Schedule D Supporting Statements**

MeF is working with several stakeholders across the IRS, as their input is required to work through the issues with the paper indicator. The paper indicator for Schedule D will not be implemented during Release 6.1. We are allowing supporting statements in PDF and XML. MeF understands that smaller businesses don't have the hardware to use either of these options. In this instance, we recommend the use of the Legacy system. MeF will continue to work with our internal stakeholders to determine if this is feasible. MeF will continue working closely with Forms and Publications on the e-file barriers to come up with alternatives for small businesses.

5) Form 8283 Changes due to 1098-C

Business Rule, Schema, and Dependency changes are being made to Form 8283 to ensure that we stay in sync with the 1040 ELF program. The new dependencies include Form 1098-C and the Donee Organization Contemporaneous Written Acknowledgement. The additions to the Form 8283 Schema include the 1098-C checkbox, Contemporaneous Written Acknowledgement checkbox, and the declaration of appraiser information. The Business Rules are being added to ensure that the information from Form 1098-C and/or the Contemporaneous Written Acknowledgement is entered in the appropriate dependency and to ensure that Form 1098-C or the Contemporaneous Written Acknowledgement is also sent either as a PDF attachment or as a paper document attached to Form 8453. The changes must be in ATS by January 4, 2010.

6) Schema and Business Rule Changes

Corrections to Form 2210 Business Rule have been made. Currently, Part II of Form 2210 is a choice, but we are changing the choice to a group so that multiple boxes can be used. The Form 2210 is being rejected, but the business rules do not affect rejects. The rejects seem to be related to the dependencies.

7) IRS.gov Updates

Quick Alerts addressing the updates to the Modernized e-File (MeF) User Guides and Publications Page and the change page for Publication 1436 were recently issued. The Form 1040 and 4868 TY 2009 ERC to BR Crosswalk was also posted to the Software Developers Page.

8) Practitioner's Topics

There were no issues/questions from the Practitioners.

9) Preparer Mandate

In a previous meeting, David Williams spoke to externals about the preparer mandate and the possibility of being able to “opt out” of the mandate. Currently, the law imposes a mandate for those that e-file 10 or more returns. Concern was expressed about the number and MeF agreed to bring the concerns to David Williams. MeF will ask David Williams to attend a future Working Group Meeting to discuss the congressional changes concerning the preparer mandate.